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2014 GET SAFE Academy – Preparing Kids for Today's Tough Issues

The City and the Orange County Sheriff's Department have partnered with GET SAFE, an organization dedicated to educating and training kids on safety skills and awareness techniques, to bring free, interactive training to K-6 students in Lake Forest.

The GET SAFE academy offers a unique blend of counseling, education, interaction, physical training, and humor. The curriculum focuses on physical (strength, cardio, nutrition), mental (personal and verbal defense skills, situational awareness), and emotional (self-awareness, self-confidence, self-control) development designed to empower kids.

The academy will be held on Wednesday nights for four weeks, starting May 21 and ending June 11, at Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive). Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. and will last approximately 1½ hours. Lake Forest residents must register by Friday, May 16. Once registration is full, interested participants will be placed on a waiting list. Registration is available in person at City Hall (2nd floor) or online at online.activecommunities.com/lfreconline. Light refreshments will be provided.

GET SAFE topics include:

- Personal Safety Awareness
- Self-Defense Training
- Bullying Prevention and Response Training
- Internet Safety and Social Media/Texting
- Understanding and Reacting to Inappropriate Behavior and Touching
- Avoiding Common Tricks and Lures
- Assertiveness Training

U.S. Marine Corps 1st Law Enforcement Battalion Adoption Ceremony

Saturday, May 3 • 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • El Toro High School Stadium, 25255 Toledo Road
 More information at www.lakeforestca.gov

CITY MANAGER'S



Message

Earlier this year, Lieutenant Brad Valentine joined the City as the new Chief of Police Services. With over 20 years of service with the Orange County Sheriff's

Department, Lt. Valentine brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Lake Forest. Lt. Valentine believes in the value of community-oriented programs and policing and is leading Police Services as they build on existing community outreach efforts by offering a series of educational programs and workshops aimed at improving safety and promoting crime prevention.

Recently, the City and OCSD hosted "The New E-Diction" workshop where attendees learned about electronic cigarettes. School Resource Officers provided valuable information on what electronic cigarettes are, how they work, and how school administrators and law enforcement are addressing their prevalence in schools. If you weren't able to attend, see the overview article on page 5. Our next program, featured on the cover, engages kids in a highly interactive program designed to heighten safety awareness.

Police Services will also be organizing the 2014 National Night Out (NNO) where neighbors, families, and friends can enjoy an evening of food, fun, and entertainment. It is a wonderful opportunity to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. NNO represents the kind of energy and determination to help make neighborhoods a safer place year round. Also returning this year is the Child Safety Car Seat program. Parents can set up a car seat installation appointment with a certified volunteer to ensure correct installation of their child's car seat. We hope you take advantage of these programs, workshops, and events as we all work together to maintain Lake Forest's high quality of life!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
City Manager

Lake Forest Career Workshop

Join the City, Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce, and the National Employment Council for the Lake Forest Career Workshop on Friday, June 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive). The workshop will include a panel discussion, featuring Human Resources directors and recruiting managers from Panasonic Avionics, Spectrum Brands HHI, and other top Lake Forest companies, sharing their expertise and insight on how job seekers can effectively market their skills.

Space is limited to the first 100 attendees. RSVP at economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov by June 2, or contact Economic Development at 461-3567. A continental breakfast will be provided.

Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, May 6
- Tuesday, May 20
- Tuesday, June 3
- Tuesday, June 17

Alton Parkway Closure

WHAT:

Alton Parkway between Monarch and Catalina will be closed to thru traffic to facilitate the movement of dirt from the south side to the north side of Alton as Shea Baker prepares for mass grading operations in the next few months. Although this is a temporary inconvenience, motorists have greatly benefited from having this segment of Alton Parkway opened three years ahead of the original schedule.

WHEN:

Alton Parkway will be closed in late July for approximately two months and is expected to reopen in early October.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Advanced notification signs will be strategically placed along affected roadways several weeks before the closure. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and use alternate detour routes including Rancho Parkway South, Bake Parkway, and Commercentre Drive to reconnect with Alton Parkway.

If you have any questions, contact Public Works at 461-3480.

**LEGEND**

-  Street Closed
-  Detour Route

City Hosts Traffic Education Forums

It's a Two-Way Street!

If you're interested in learning about City traffic projects or have ideas to improve traffic conditions around the City, we invite you to attend one of three traffic education forums. Residents will learn about past, current, and future traffic projects including traffic signal synchronization, the Lake Forest Traffic Analysis Model, Lake Forest Traffic Mitigation (LFTM) and how LFTM fees are used to improve traffic flow throughout the community. City representatives will facilitate breakout discussions to gather feedback on the community's traffic concerns. The forums are intended to be interactive, educational, and collaborative.

- **Wednesday, May 7**
Foothill Ranch Library (27002 Cabriole Way)
6:00 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 14**
Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive)
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 21**
Sun and Sail Club (24752 Toledo Lane)
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Scam Alert: Residential Address Curb Painting

The Orange County Sheriff's Department warns residents to be aware of a common scam circulating through neighborhoods – address curb painting. The scam is perpetrated by individuals who paint your curb and then demand payment, even though residents decline or did not request the service.

The City does not have a residential address curb painting program. If an individual or company paints your curb, residents are under no obligation to pay. Any payment is strictly voluntary. If you are interested in hiring a contractor to freshen up your curb, check with your Homeowner's Association for specific requirements or contact the City to obtain a permit before starting work.

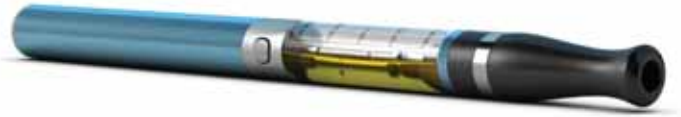
City Extends Passport Service Hours



Beat the summer rush and avoid last minute travel delays by taking advantage of the City Clerk's extended office hours only on Thursday, May 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We will be available to process your passport application, provide passport photos, and answer passport-related questions. For additional information, contact the Clerk's office at 461-3420.

A Burning New Trend – E-Cigarettes

A growing new trend has some filling up a cartridge rather than lighting up a cigarette. Electronic cigarettes commonly referred to as “vape pens” or “e-cigs” are battery-powered devices that turn liquid nicotine or “e-juice” into vapor.



The percentage of U.S. middle and high school students who use e-cigarettes more than doubled from 2011 to 2012.

E-cigarettes and flavored nicotine are easily purchased at gas stations, local shops, and online. Currently, California has prohibited the sale of e-cigarettes to individuals under the age of 18 but otherwise e-cigarettes remain largely unregulated. They have gained popularity among adolescents and are appearing on school campuses. Some school districts, including Saddleback Valley

Unified School District, have banned e-cigarettes from school campuses. While studies are being conducted regarding the potential risks and benefits of e-cigarettes, parents are encouraged to have open conversations about both e-cigarettes and regular cigarettes to raise awareness about these products. At this time, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is considering regulating e-cigarettes under the same category as tobacco products. For more information and to stay updated on FDA's ruling, visit www.fda.gov/newsevents/publichealthfocus/ucm172906.htm.

Changes to Toll Roads Gives Drivers a Non-Stop Experience

There's no need to search around for exact change anymore while driving on the 73, 133, 241, or 261 toll roads because the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) will remove all cash collections starting May 14, 2014. Toll road drivers will have more payment options in addition to the traditional FasTrak method. With the TCA's newly introduced ExpressAccount, images of a vehicle's license plate are captured and the appropriate toll is collected from the linked account. In addition, a One-Time Toll allows customers to pay within 48-hours of a trip. New FasTrak and ExpressAccount customers can earn a free week on the toll roads by creating a new account by May 11 using promo code FREETOLL. For more information or to sign up for an ExpressAccount, visit www.thetollroads.com.



Green Spring Cleaning and Gardening

Springtime means spring cleaning! Or, if you have a green thumb, it is also a good time to start gardening. Here are some helpful tips to clean your home and establish a thriving garden while protecting our local environmental resources and reducing pressures of the drought.

Green Cleaning

Wash dirt and debris from your furniture on the lawn or other landscaped areas to save water and keep runoff from flowing into the storm drain system while providing plants with a drink. Secondly, use a broom and dustpan to clean your patio and outdoor walkways instead of a hose to prevent debris from entering the storm drains. Remember, anything that drains to the gutter ends up in our local creeks, lakes, and the ocean.

Gardening Pest Control

An effective combination of preventative maintenance and green insect repellent can keep insects out of your home and garden. Insects are looking for food, water, and shelter and if you eliminate these necessities, they won't forage your home and garden.

A variety of common household items and kitchen ingredients such as crushed mint, bay leaves, garlic, and cayenne pepper are good natural repellents, especially for aphids. Chop six cloves of garlic and mix them with one tablespoon of baby shampoo in one quart of water to create an effective repellent for rose bushes. Sprinkle coffee and eggshells around the base of plants to repel ants, snails, and slugs. This treatment is great on azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries! To keep wasps away from ripening fruit, fill several cans with equal parts of ammonia and water, and hang them on your fruit trees.



For more garden-friendly advice, visit www.overwateringisout.org or contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL

PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING 2014 ELECTION

The June 3 Statewide Direct Primary Election and the November 4 General Municipal Election are right around the corner! If you need to update your voter information because you have moved or changed your name or party affiliation since the last election, this can be done in just a few minutes at www.ocvote.com. The deadline to register to vote for the June 3 Statewide Direct Primary Election is May 19. Residents turning 18 on or before Election Day will be eligible to vote.

Local Elections

The next City Council election is on November 4. There are three Council seats open, each for a four-year term. The nomination period for local candidates is July 14 to August 8. Residents interested in running for the Lake Forest City Council must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a registered voter and resident of Lake Forest.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Take the oath of office.



	Statewide Direct Primary Election June 3, 2014	General Municipal & Statewide Election November 4, 2014
Last day to register to vote	May 19, 2014	October 20, 2014
Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot	May 27, 2014	October 28, 2014

If you have any questions or want to learn more about municipal elections, contact the City Clerk at 461-3420 or visit www.lakeforestca.gov/elections.

Recreation/Events Calendar

Spring 2014 (May-June)

MAY

Rancho Days Fiesta Sunday 4

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Heritage Hill
Historical Park
(25151 Serrano Rd)

Fee: \$3 children
12 and under;
\$4 adults



Red Rock Canyon Hike Saturday 10

8-11 a.m.

Whiting Ranch Park

Fee: \$5 per person;
\$3 additional parking fee.

Pre-registration for this activity is required.



Tuesday 13

**Summer Registration
Begins 8 a.m.!**
Online, Mail-In, Walk-In

Aliso Creek Clean-Up Day Saturday 17

9-11:30 a.m.

Cherry Ave./
Fernbank St.
Free to participate.

Pre-registration for
this activity is required.



Kiwanis College Prep Night Tuesday 27

7-9 p.m.

City Hall
(25550 Commercentre Dr)

Fee: Free



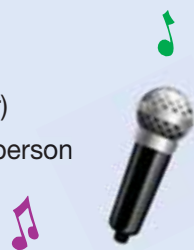
JUNE

Live Music Showcase Friday 13

6-10 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark
of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)

Fee: \$5 entry fee per person



Dino Day Saturday 14

1-5 p.m.

Nature Park
(26215 Dimension Dr)

Fee: Free



Movies in the Park ~ "Wall-E" Friday 20

7:30 p.m.

Cherry Park
(22651 Cherry Ave)

Fee: Free



Go Skateboarding Day Saturday 21

10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark
of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)

Fee: Free



Summer Concert Series ~ Dani Kerry and "Space Oddity" (David Bowie Tribute Band) Sunday 29

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Pittsford Park
(21701 Pittsford Dr)

Fee: Free



**We will see you
at our 23rd Annual
4th of July
Parade at 10 a.m.!**



(see inside Summer Leisure Times page 3 for details)

For more info on any of these activities, call Community Services at 461-3450.



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Building Inspection 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410
Community
Policing Center 461-3530
Community
Preservation 461-3474
Etnies Skatepark 916-5870
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3491
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Economic
Development 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.lakeforestca.gov
Economic Development
www.lakeforestbusiness.com
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etnies skatepark.com



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"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are several different species of approved trees which may be planted in several City parks.



For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
The Friesen Family	Magnolia	Foothill Ranch Community Park	C.J. and Devin Clark – Congratulations on your marriage (and putting down roots!)

FAIR HOUSING



An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3569.